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SUBJ: SISCO-KHALID DISCUSSION

1. STRICTLY FOR YOUR BACKGROUND YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT KHALID SAT NEXT TO SISCO AT OAU LUNCH ON SEPTEMBER 27. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION KHALID STRESSED DESIRE OF SUDANESE GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SUDAN. SISCO TOOK VERY CAREFUL AND DELIBERATE LINE SAYING THE ACTIONS OF THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT REGARDING TWO AMERICANS HAVE HAD INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCES.

2. SISCO GAVE HIM NO INDICATION OF ANY POSSIBLE CHANGE IN OUR POSTURE, LIMITING HIMSELF TO SAYING HE WOULD WANT TO REFLECT ON WHAT KHALID HAS SAID. THE IMPRESSION GIVEN TO KHALID WAS THAT WHILE THE UNITED STATES SHARED A DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SUDAN, AND APPRECIATES SOME OF THE INTERNAL CONSIDERATIONS AND "PRESSURE" WHICH KHALID HAD ALLUDED TO IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, THAT WE COULD NOT EXPECT ANY MARKED CHANGE IN OUR OVERALL RELATIONS IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. SISCO ALSO INDICATED THIS DID NOT DERIVE FROM ANY ANIMOSITY

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BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SUDAN BUT WAS A REFLECTION OF

THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION IN THE AFTERMATH OF A DECISION
BY THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT THAT IS REPUGNANT TO THE

AMERICAN PEOPLE. CONVERSATION WAS AMICABLE AND CORDIAL
THROUGHOUT BUT NO INDICATION OF ANY POSSIBLE CHANGE IN OUR
POLICY GIVEN.

3. YOU SHOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT MAKE ANY COMMENT TO THE PRESS.
YOU SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVES ON YOUR OWN REGARDING THE
ABOVE CONVERSATION; HOWEVER, IF YOU GET ANY INQUIRIES FROM
YOUR COLLEAGUES, YOU CAN INDICATE THAT THERE WAS A BRIEF
CHAT AT LUNCH, BUT THAT OUR POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED WITH
RESPECT TO THE SUDAN. KISSINGER

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